

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously presented) A system for controlling software applications on one or more wireless devices, comprising:

an application managing server operable to receive a license request transmitted from a wireless device across a wireless network, wherein the license request is generated upon each attempted execution of a software application resident on the wireless device, and the application managing server further operable, based upon the license request, to selectively initiate a transmission across the wireless network of a license installable by the wireless device, the license providing for an execution of the resident software application.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the application managing server further comprises:

a data store having a plurality of software applications and a corresponding plurality of licenses;[[,]]

the application managing server further operable to selectively download selected ones of the plurality of software applications and the corresponding ones of the plurality of licenses to predetermined wireless devices over the wireless network.

4. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the application managing server further comprises:

a data store having a record associating license-related data, software application-related data, and wireless device-related data.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the license is of a finite duration and expires on a fixed date.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the license expires after a predetermined number of executions of the software application on the wireless device.

8. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the license is of a finite duration and expires after the elapse of a predetermined duration from when the software application was downloaded to the wireless device.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the license is of a finite duration and expires after the elapse of a predetermined duration of usage of the software application.

10. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the wireless device is a cellular telephone.

11. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the wireless device is a personal digital assistant.

12. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the wireless device is a pager.

13. (Previously presented) A system for controlling software applications on a wireless network, comprising:

wireless communication means for selectively communicating with a wireless network and having one or more resident software applications selectively executable thereon, at least one software application requiring a license for each execution of the software application, and upon the attempted execution of a software application, the wireless communication means determining if a license is present to execute the software application;

software application managing means for managing software applications on one or more wireless communication means, the software application managing means selectively in communication across the wireless network with the wireless communication means and selectively providing a license for the use of a software application; and

wherein, upon the attempted execution of a software application on the wireless communication means, the wireless communication means selectively prompting the software application managing means for transmission of a license, receiving the transmitted license, and installing the license on the wireless communication means such that the licensed software application is executable.

14. (Currently amended) A method for controlling software applications on a wireless device, comprising:

upon each attempted execution of a resident software application without a valid license on the wireless device,

~~sending[[,]] upon each attempted execution of a resident software application,~~ a prompt across a wireless network to an application managing server, the prompt requesting transmission of a license;

receiving the license for the resident software application from across the wireless network; and

installing the license on the wireless device such that the resident software application is executable.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the receiving of the license for the resident software application from across the wireless network further comprises:

receiving the license upon the direction of the application managing server if a license exists for the wireless device to execute the software application.

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the receiving of the license for the resident software application from across the wireless network further comprises:

receiving the license if the license has not expired based upon passage of a fixed date.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the receiving of the license for the resident software application from across the wireless network further comprises:

receiving the license if the license has not expired based upon a predetermined number of executions of the software application having occurred on the wireless device.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the receiving of the license for the resident software application from across the wireless network further comprises:

receiving the license if the license has not expired after the elapse of a predetermined duration since the software application was downloaded to the wireless device.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the receiving of the license for the resident software application from across the wireless network further comprises:

receiving the license if the license has not expired after the elapse of a predetermined duration of usage of the software application.

22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the receiving of the license for the resident software application from across the wireless network further comprises:

receiving a copy of the license for the software application of the wireless device held at the application managing server.

23. (Currently amended) A method for controlling software applications on a wireless device, comprising:

a sending step for sending, upon each attempted execution of a resident software application[[,]] without a valid license installed on the wireless device, a license request across a wireless network to an application managing server, the license request requesting transmission of a license;

a receiving step for receiving the license from across the wireless network; and

an installing step for installing the license on the wireless device such that the resident software application can be executed.

24. (Currently amended) A wireless device, comprising:

a resident software application selectively executable on the wireless device; and

a computer platform operable to receive an execution request generated upon each attempted execution of the resident software application, the computer platform, based upon the

received execution request[[,]] and a lack of a valid license on the wireless device, operable to transmit a license request across a wireless network to an application managing server requesting transmission of a license, the computer platform operable to receive from across the wireless network the license, and the computer platform operable to install the license on the wireless device such that the resident software application is executable.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently amended) The wireless device of claim 24, further comprising:
a memory: [[,]]

wherein the wireless device stores in the memory the license for execution of a specific software application on the wireless device.

27. (Previously presented) The wireless device of claim 24, wherein the license is of a finite duration and expires on a fixed date.

28. (Previously presented) The wireless device of claim 24, wherein the license expires after a predetermined number of executions of the software application on the wireless device.

29. (Previously presented) The wireless device of claim 24, wherein the license is of a finite duration and expires after the elapse of a predetermined duration since the software application was downloaded to the wireless device.

30. (Previously presented) The wireless device of claim 24, wherein the license is of a finite duration and expires after the elapse of a predetermined duration of usage of the software application.

31. (Original) The wireless device of claim 24, wherein the wireless device is a cellular telephone.

32. (Original) The wireless device of claim 24, wherein the wireless device is a personal digital assistant.

33. (Original) The wireless device of claim 24, wherein the wireless device is a pager.

34. (Currently amended) In a computer readable medium, a program that directs a wireless device to perform the steps of:

sending, upon each attempted execution of a resident software application[[,]] without a valid license on the wireless device, a license request across a wireless network to an application managing server requesting transmission of a software application license;

receiving the software application license from across the wireless network; and

installing the software application license on the wireless device such that the resident software application is executable.

35. (Currently amended) A wireless device in selective communication with a wireless network, comprising:

a selectively executable resident software application;

logic configured to detect an attempt to execute the resident software application;

logic configured, in response to each detected attempt to execute the resident software application[[,]] without a valid license installed in the wireless device to transmit a license request via the wireless network to an application managing server, the license request requesting transmission of a corresponding license;

logic configured to receive the corresponding license over the wireless network; and

logic configured to install the corresponding license on the wireless device such that the resident software application is executable.

36. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium for controlling software applications, comprising:

at least one sequence of instructions, wherein execution of the instructions by a processor causes the processor to perform the steps of:

receiving, upon each attempted execution of a software application resident on a wireless device[[,]] without a valid license on the wireless device, a license request from across a wireless network, the license request requesting transmission of a software application license; and

initiating a transmission across the wireless network of the software application license to the wireless device, the software application license installable on the wireless device and providing for an execution of the software application on the wireless device.

37. (Currently amended) An apparatus for controlling software applications, comprising:

a processing means; and

an instruction means, executable by the processing means, for causing the processor to perform the steps of:

receiving, upon each attempted execution of a software application resident on a wireless device[[,]] without a valid license installed on the wireless device, a license request from across a wireless network, the license request requesting transmission of a software application license; and

initiating a transmission across the wireless network of the software application license to the wireless device, the software application license installable on the wireless device and providing for an execution of the software application on the wireless device.

38. (Currently amended) A method for controlling software applications, comprising:

receiving, upon each attempted execution of a software application resident on a wireless device[[,]] without a valid license installed on the wireless device, a license request from across a wireless network, the license request requesting transmission of a software application license; and

initiating a transmission across the wireless network of the software application license to the wireless device, the software application license installable on the wireless device and providing for an execution of the software application on the wireless device.

39. (Currently amended) The method of claim 38, further comprising:
transmitting a prompt to purchase a new license to the wireless device if the software application license has expired or is not associated with the wireless device.

40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 39, further comprising receiving an authorization to retrieve the new license.

41. (Currently amended) The method of claim 40, further comprising:
receiving billing information associated with a payment for the new license.

42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the software application license has a finite duration.

43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 42, wherein the finite duration is based upon at least one of a predetermined number of executions of the software application on the wireless device, a predetermined duration of time since the software application was downloaded to the wireless device, and a predetermined duration of usage of the software application on the wireless device.

44. (Currently amended) The method of claim 38, further comprising:
storing a record associating license-related data, software application-related data, and wireless device-related data.

45. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the initiating of the transmission across the wireless network of the software application license to the wireless device further comprises directing another server on the wireless network to transmit the license to the wireless device.

46. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the application managing server is further operable to transmit a prompt to purchase a new license to the wireless device if the software application license has expired or is not associated with the wireless device.

47. (Previously presented) The system of claim 46, wherein the application managing server is further operable to receive an authorization to retrieve the new license.

48. (Previously presented) The system of claim 47, wherein the application managing server is further operable to receive billing information associated with a payment for the new license.

49. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the application managing server is further operable to direct another server on the wireless network to transmit the license to the wireless device.